

Hooray for Smugglers!

Smuggling. What a funny little non-crime. I can't even wrap my mind around any possible way it could be wrong. It's just the act of going around a bully who's standing in your way, wanting to rob you or prevent you from getting products to those who want them.

Here's the "legal definition" of smuggling:

The criminal offense of bringing into, or removing from, a country those items that are prohibited or upon which customs or excise duties have not been paid.

The only *wrongs* I see there are prohibition and taxation. Those are the acts of the State, not those trying to get around the State. So, yeah, smuggling is an indication of a crime, but not a crime committed by the smugglers.

And there are a lot of other non-crimes like this: "money laundering", "tax avoidance", "evading arrest", "assaulting an officer", etc. "Crimes" that no one would even bother with, except that government and its "laws" have made them necessary as a way to avoid being violated by the State. To all those who commit this kind of "crime", I say Thank You for Your Service!